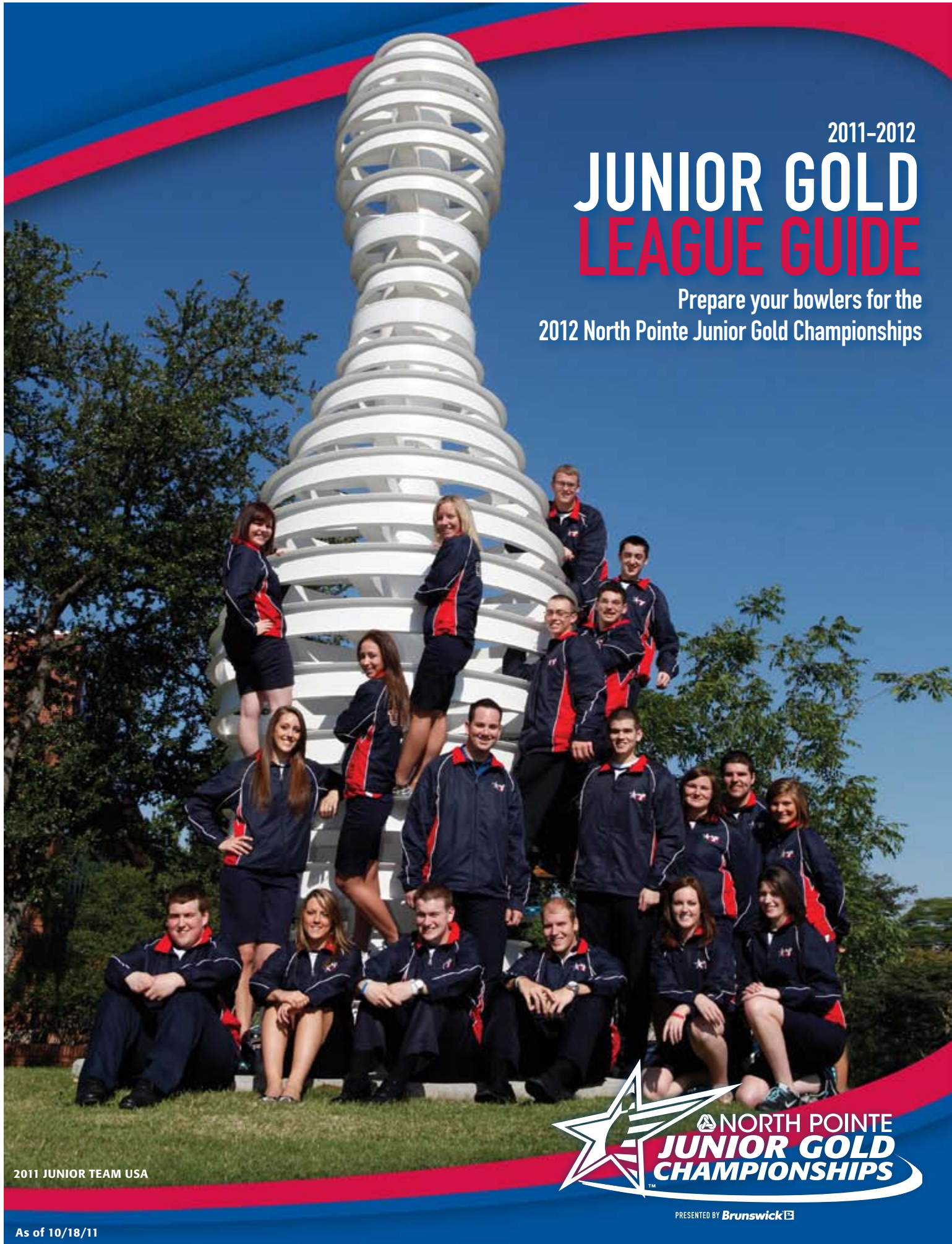


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JUNIOR GOLD LEAGUE GUIDE

Prepare your bowlers for the
2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIPS OVERVIEW

North Pointe Junior Gold Championships now offers four divisions:

- U15 Boys
- U20 Boys
- U15 Girls
- U20 Girls

Any bowler whose birth date is 08/01/1996 or later will participate in the U15 division. All others will participate in the U20 division.

NOTE: Bowlers in the U15 division may exercise the option to participate in the U20 division by completing the NPJG Championships Opt Out form.

North Pointe Junior Gold Championships serves USBC Youth Standard members who have a USBC Junior Gold membership.

Helping youth bowlers progress and succeed in the sport through challenging

competition, advanced training, skill development and coaching is the heart of the USBC Junior Gold program.

USBC Junior Gold membership and experiencing the challenges of Junior Gold competition help youth bowlers learn all aspects of the sport and prepare them to continue to bowl competitively as they grow older. USBC Junior Gold members regularly compete at the high school and collegiate level. Dedicated youth bowlers may participate in USBC Junior Gold for several reasons:

- Learn the nuances of the more competitive game
- Earn college scholarships
- Preparation for bowling at the collegiate level
- Prepare for the ultimate goals of international or professional bowling
- **Earn a spot on JUNIOR TEAM USA!**

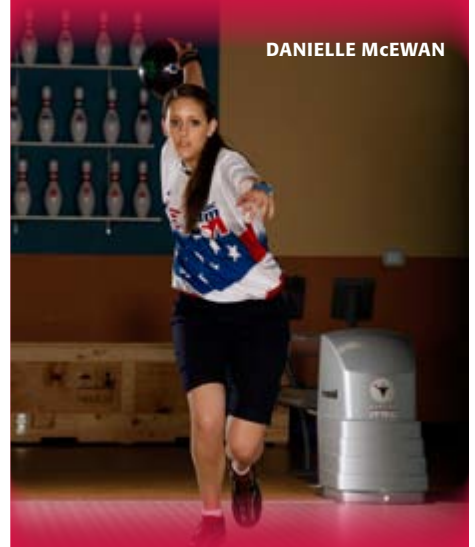
NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The pinnacle for Junior Gold members is competing at the annual North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

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WHY OFFER A JUNIOR GOLD PROGRAM?

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Helps retain USBC Youth members and attract new members.

Emphasizes advanced training and skill development, coaching and elite competition.

Acts as a feeder to collegiate bowling, Team USA and professional bowling.

Helps continue positive relationships with the United States Olympic Committee.

AND

The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships awards more than \$250,000 in scholarships to tournament participants



USBC JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

USBC Junior Gold Approach

- USBC Junior Gold Approach is the official monthly newsletter of Junior Gold, delivered directly to members via email. It features tips from some of the top coaches and provides news about upcoming qualifying tournaments, leagues and scholarship opportunities.

USBC Junior Gold membership card/gift

- USBC Junior Gold members receive a membership card and a special gift.

Automatic upgrade to USBC Sport Bowling membership

- USBC Junior Gold members receive an additional Sport Bowling sign-up gift, opportunities to bowl in official USBC Youth Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments, and Sport Bowling awards. However, Junior Gold members still must abide by USBC Youth Eligibility Rule 400. (See complete Rule 400 wording in Chapter

1 of USBC Playing Rules or the Rules section of BOWL.com. Log on to BOWL.com/sportbowling for the latest Sport Bowling news and awards.)

Season subscription to *Bowling This Month* digital magazine

Increased Scholarship Opportunities

- USBC Junior Gold members can compete in exclusive North Pointe Junior Gold Championships events with the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in scholarships throughout the season, plus additional scholarships at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

Opportunity to become a member of Junior Team USA

- Members of Junior Team USA are chosen annually at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. Team duties and activities begin Jan. 1 of the following year.



JUNIOR TEAM USA MEMBERS HAVE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Represent the United States in international competition
- Earn scholarship awards
- Train at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas
- Enjoy expense-paid national and international travel and competition
- Make appearances in Junior Team USA uniforms
- Access world-class coaching
- Be seeded into next year's North Pointe Junior Gold Championships

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- USBC Youth Standard member, in good standing, can apply for Junior Gold membership at any time.
- Athlete must purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership for \$30 (U.S.) prior to participating in North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualifying tournaments. The USBC Junior Gold membership fee is separate from the regular

USBC Youth membership fee. Each membership is valid for the current bowling season only, regardless of date of purchase.

- Once the Junior Gold membership is obtained, it remains valid for the current bowling season, Aug. 1 - July 31.

JOIN THE JUNIOR GOLD PROGRAM

- Fill out the membership application completely to ensure prompt processing
- Obtain a USBC Youth Standard Membership
- Submit the membership application and \$30 fee to:

USBC Junior Gold
621 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011
Fax: (817) 385-8262

USBC JUNIOR GOLD CONTACT INFORMATION:

USBC Junior Gold Program
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Fax: (817) 385-8262
Email: USBCjuniorgold@bowl.com



NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUALIFYING EVENT DETAILS: OVERVIEW

USBC Junior Gold members who have already earned an entry in this season's North Pointe Junior Gold Championships can still enter and participate in additional Junior Gold qualifying events. **However, because an athlete can only earn one entry into the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships he/she must accept his/her first berth.**

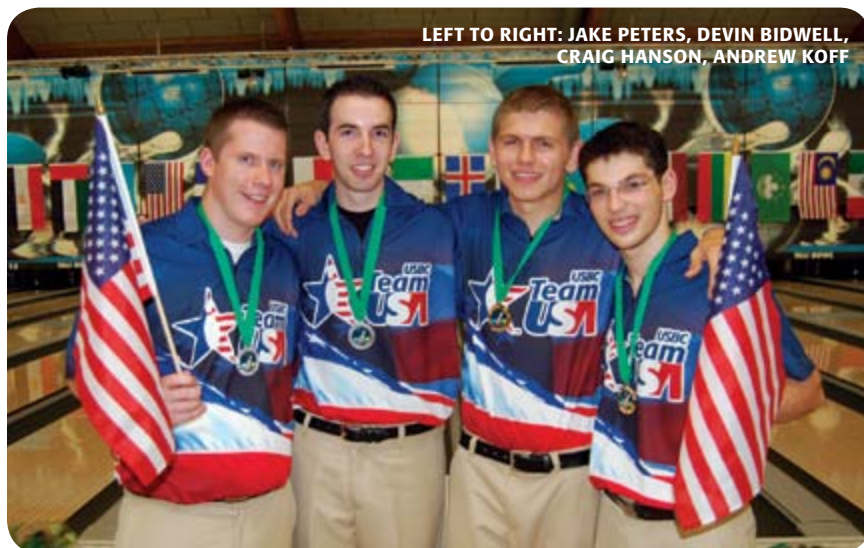
If a USBC Junior Gold member wins an entry but cannot attend the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, he or she is responsible for alerting the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualifying event director so the entry may be passed to the next qualified participant in that event. An athlete who gives up his/her spot or is unable to attend must re-qualify for the following year; individual berths are not carried over to the next year. If the Junior Gold member fails to alert the Junior Gold event director, he or she risks disqualification from that Junior Gold qualifier for the following year.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REGULAR AND A "PREMIER" EVENT?

- A regular event pays only the winner's \$200 entry fee into the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.
- A "premier" event is an enhanced event that pays the winner's \$200 entry fee, plus any or all expenses at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. There is no minimum amount of a stipend for the spot to qualify as a "premier" spot.
- If an athlete already has won an entry to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships and then wins another, he/she cannot take the second as a \$200 scholarship. The spot must go to the next highest qualified USBC Junior Gold member.
- North Pointe Junior Gold Championships berths and scholarship money are considered separate awards. If the athlete already has won an entry and wins a second event, the athlete would be awarded the first-place scholarship money, but the entry would be given to the next eligible USBC Junior Gold athlete.

Check on the status of available North Pointe Junior Gold Championships spots on BOWL.com's USBC Junior Gold pages. No spot is reserved until the \$200 entry payment has been received at USBC from the qualifying event director.

**DON'T BE LOCKED OUT
RESERVE YOUR SPOTS EARLY!**



LEFT TO RIGHT: JAKE PETERS, DEVIN BIDWELL, CRAIG HANSON, ANDREW KOFF



NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUALIFYING EVENT DETAILS: LEAGUES

Qualifying can be conducted as part of any USBC certified events

- Existing leagues
- New leagues
- North Pointe Junior Gold Championships-specific leagues

Format must be scratch

Basic Rules

- Bowlers are permitted to enter once per qualifying event.
- Pepsi Championship qualifiers must purchase a USBC Junior Gold membership prior to competition in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championship tournament.

At least half of the league members must be USBC Junior Gold members

At least 24 games of competition

CHECKLIST FOR HOLDING A LEAGUE QUALIFYING EVENT

1. Download North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualifying materials, applications and report forms from BOWL.com on the Youth/Junior Gold pages.
2. USBC league certification forms can be obtained from your local association manager.
3. Complete an application for league certification.
4. Will this be a Sport Bowling certified event? If so, please visit SportBowling.com for more details.
5. Determine your league format.

Leagues - The competition must be scratch and consist of a minimum of twenty-four (24) games.

6. Determine the rules for the event(s).

In your league rules you should:

- Include the date your league will begin and end, cost, format, eligibility, and the way North Pointe Junior Gold Championships advancers will be determined.
7. Determine whether you want your Junior Gold event to be a regular Junior Gold event or a "premier" event.
 8. **Leagues** - The advancement ratio must be 1:4 or champion(s) only advancing at the end of your short-season (minimum 24 games) or full-season league.

The entire league cannot qualify through the Junior Gold league.

Determining the number of advancers will occur at the end of your season. Advancement ratio/champion is only applied to the Junior Gold athletes.

You must also state if a "major fraction thereof" will be used for advancement purposes. For a separate girl's division, though you need only four girls to hold the division, you may still only advance a maximum of a 1:4 ratio, or major fraction thereof. Be sure your rules indicate the "or major fraction thereof" wording if you want to advance as many Junior Gold athletes as possible. Using a 1:4 ratio or major fraction thereof, a total of four to six entrants would advance one, seven to ten entrants would advance two, etc.

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NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUALIFYING EVENT DETAILS: LEAGUES (Continued)

CHECKLIST FOR HOLDING A LEAGUE QUALIFYING EVENT

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10. Prior to the start of the league, determine the rule for alternates. In league competitions, alternative processes for naming replacements need to be clearly defined.
9. One MONTH prior to your event, complete a North Pointe Junior Gold Championships Qualifying Event Application and send it along with a \$200 payment for a minimum of one reserved spot and a copy of your rules to:

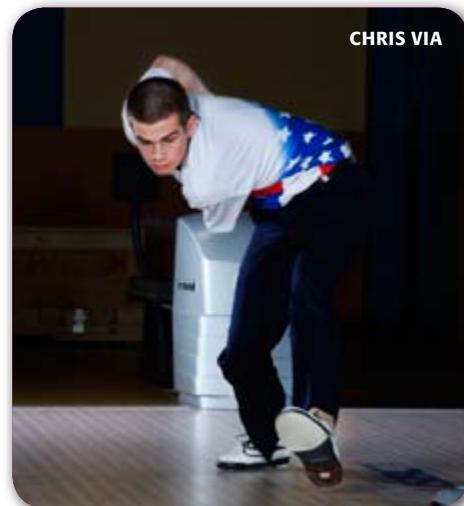
North Pointe Junior Gold Championships
621 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

10. **Within 15 days of completion of your North Pointe Junior Gold Championships league, you must provide the completed Post-Event Form and a completed Finalist Report Form.**

North Pointe Junior Gold Championships finalist packets will be e-mailed by USBC directly to the advancers once your post-event paperwork has been received and processed.

11. All scholarship prize awards must be forwarded to USBC Headquarters for deposit with the SMART program (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) within 30 days after the end of the competition.

League – (USBC Rule 100c, Item 4)



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USBC reserves the right to institute additional methods of entry into the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships for those athletes who live in areas determined by USBC to be under-served by the current Junior Gold qualification process.

Additional spots may be purchased after completion of the qualifier, pending availability. A spot is not reserved until payment of that spot's \$200 fee is received at USBC. Please refer to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships main page on BOWL.com for a current count of spots available. Unused spots will not be refunded and may not be carried over to the next season.

*League information must be sent to USBC **BEFORE** your event takes place. Failure to submit the League application prior to the start of the event may result in USBC refusal to accept those qualifiers.



NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENHANCED ADVANCER RATIO POLICIES

USBC Junior Gold recently changed the minimum ratio to advance players to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships from the previous standard of 1:5 to a new standard of 1:4. What follows is an explanation of how this standard applies to various situations.

When stating an advancement ratio, event management will state that the ratio is either a “hard” number (1:4) which means they will only advance one player for every 4 entrants, or they will add the caveat in their rules stating “or a major fraction thereof” which would allow them to advance an additional player should they have additional entries in excess of 51% of their ratio number. When an event reaches this standard an additional player is allowed to advance and the event is required to subsidize any shortfall in the \$200 entry fee to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

As an example, in an event having a 1:4 or major fraction thereof ratio, the event would need to have 7 entrants to advance a second player. The event would bear the financial responsibility to fund any shortfall of the \$200 entry fee to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. Six (6) entrants does not meet the threshold of 51%, so a second player could not advance under that rule.

If the event has additional entries in excess of their ratio, but does not meet the 51% threshold to advance an additional player, we have historically asked that the additional monies be returned to the event as additional prize monies. To address this issue and provide more players the opportunity to advance, a new policy has been adopted that could allow the next player in line to advance to the North

Pointe Junior Gold Championships. This policy is:

Once an event has met their initial ratio and has additional entries in excess of that ratio, the next player in line will have the option to claim that spot by paying any remaining shortfall between the monies collected and the \$200 entry fee for the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. This option is available **only** to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, it ceases at that point and the option is **not available** to other finishers down the line in the standings.

IF YOU DO NOT USE A MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF

Here is an example of how the new ratio policies will be applied to qualifying events for the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships given a 1:4 advancement ratio **without** the “or a major fraction thereof” stipulation.

If the event has 5, 6 or 7 entrants, the tournament will advance the winner under their 1:4 ratio. The 2nd place finisher would now be given the opportunity to fund any remaining shortfall between the entry monies collected and the \$200 entry fee and claim a spot in the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. This option is available **only** to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, it ceases at that point and the option is **not available** to other finishers down the line in the standings.

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If the event has 7 entrants, the tournament will advance the winner under their 1:4 ratio and an additional advancer under the “or a major fraction thereof” stipulation and the event is required to subsidize any shortfall in the \$200 entry fee to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF CHART

RATIO	ENTRIES NEEDED TO ADVANCE AN ADDITIONAL PLAYER
1:4	7
1:5	8
1:6	10
1:7	11
1:8	13
1:9	14
1:10	16



NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR TEAM USA FORMAT AND SELECTION CRITERIA

NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND JUNIOR TEAM USA

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Becoming a member of Junior Team USA may be accomplished by:

- The top two male and top two female bowlers in the U20 divisions
- The top two male and top two female finalists in the U20 divisions of the double-elimination match-play bracket.
- If one or both of the two finalists from the double-elimination match-play bracket were one of the top two in qualifying, that spot(s) will become another “at-large” selection from the top 16. This also could include the U15 division for “at-large” selections.
- The National Selection Committee (NSC) will select two male and two female “at-large” members from the top 16 double-elimination match play field. This also could include the U15 division for “at-large” selections.
- Finishing as one of the top two males and top two females at the USBC Team USA Trials who meet Junior Team USA eligibility requirements.
- Being selected as one of two males and two females chosen by the NSC from the pool of Junior Gold match-play finalists or competitors at the USBC Team USA Trials.

Athletes earning spots or being selected as members of Junior Team USA will represent the United States in competition the following calendar year.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

- USBC Junior Gold members who qualify from a North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualifying event receive a paid entry for the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. (Premier event winners receive a paid entry plus travel and/or lodging costs.)
- This five-day tournament is conducted on World Tenpin Bowling Association lane conditions.
- Qualifying for each gender-based division at the national championships consists of 15 games. Bowlers will compete on three different World Tenpin Bowling Association lane conditions at three different bowling centers.
- Total pinfall for the 15 qualifying games will determine who advances to the five-game Advancers Round that will be bowled Thursday. Bowlers will advance at a 1:7 ratio for each division; bowlers making the Advancers Round will earn a minimum \$200 scholarship.
- Total pinfall after 20 games (15 qualifying games and five Advancers Round games) will determine a maximum of 64 bowlers in each division who advance to the final qualifying round. The actual cut number will be determined by division entries.
- The final qualifying round will bowl an additional five games Thursday night to determine the top 16 for the double-elimination match-play bracket in each division.
- The 16 bowlers in each division will be seeded into a double-elimination match-play bracket where two-game total pinfall will determine the winner of each match.
- The bowlers will continue bowling until they have lost two matches, thus being eliminated from the tournament bracket finals.
- The winners of each division will be named individual national champions.
- This is a non-chaperoned event. Entrants are responsible for all arrangements.

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NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR TEAM USA FORMAT AND SELECTION CRITERIA (Continued)

USBC JUNIOR TEAM USA SELECTION

Qualification and Selection

Junior Team USA 2013 will be comprised of 10 male and 10 female members, and must be an eligible U.S. citizens. Junior Team USA 2013 will be determined as follows:

- The top two male and top two female bowlers in the U20 divisions at the conclusion of qualifying of the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships to be held July 14-20, 2012 in Indianapolis will automatically qualify for Junior Team USA 2013.
- The top two male and top two female finalists in the double-elimination match-play bracket of the U20 divisions will automatically qualify for Junior Team USA 2013.
- If one or both of the two finalists from the double-elimination match-play bracket already were one of the top two in qualifying, that spot(s) will become another “at-large” member selection from the top 16.
- The National Selection Committee (NSC) will select two male and two female “at-large” members from the top 16 double-elimination match-play athletes at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. These four NSC athletes will be announced as soon as possible following the conclusion

of the 2012 USBC Junior Gold Championships and may include U15 division.

- The top two males and top two females who are 20 or younger as of January 1, 2013, who bowl the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials (in Las Vegas, Nevada) will automatically qualify for Junior Team USA 2013, provided they are not already on Junior Team USA 2013. These four athletes can be USBC Youth or Adult members as long as they meet the age requirements.
- Two males and two females will be chosen by the NSC from a pool of athletes who were match-play finalists at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships or who competed at the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials and are 20 or younger as of January 1, 2013. Athletes selected from the Team Trials can be USBC Youth or Adult members as long as they meet the age requirements.

Injury Exemptions

To be considered for an injury exemption from the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, an athlete must submit a written request for exemption to the USBC national office prior to July 1, 2012, or via fax to the tournament office of the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold

Championships prior to the end of the competition. An injury exemption from the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials must be submitted in writing to the USBC office one month prior to the start of the 2013 Team Trials. Any request for exemption must include performance history and any other relevant information from at least the past three years that would be helpful to the NSC in evaluating the member in accordance with the selection standards listed below. The NSC and USBC reserve the right to verify that a member was in fact injured at the time of the national championships, including but not limited to requiring a doctor’s release. Canadian Tenpin Federation members are encouraged to participate and are eligible to be USBC Junior Gold members; they can compete in the national championships and earn scholarships. However, they are unable to be Junior Team USA members. Only U.S. citizens are eligible to be on Junior Team USA.

National Selection Committee

There will be one National Selection Committee, which will be responsible for selecting the four at-large male and four at-large female members of Junior Team USA 2013. The NSC is comprised of no more than five individuals, one of whom will be an athlete representative as defined by USOC Bylaws. The president of USBC (bowling’s national governing body) will oversee the appointment of these individuals.

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NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR TEAM USA FORMAT AND SELECTION CRITERIA (Continued)

USBC JUNIOR TEAM USA SELECTION (CONTINUED)

Standards for Selection of At-Large Team Members

The National Selection Committee is charged with selecting those athletes who are most likely to create the strongest Junior Team USA. The NSC shall have the latitude to consider any qualifications which would be helpful in creating the strongest team.

In evaluating athletes for possible selection as at-large members of Junior Team USA, it is anticipated the NSC will consider at least the following criteria:

Performance: This includes all international competition, as well as any USBC, collegiate or USBC Team USA bowling tournament within the previous three years.

Physical Game: This includes, but is not limited to, the many physical elements which comprise an athlete's game, such as approach, arm swing, timing, release versatility (changing rotation and lay-down point) and speed control. It also includes, but is not limited to, the ability to play different angles, convert spares, change equipment and adjust to varying lane conditions.

Mental Game: This includes a variety of subjective factors including ability to be coached, adaptability, practice regimen, ability to stay focused, attitude, commitment, ability to perform under pressure and sportsmanship.

Team Play: This includes, but is not limited to, the intangible but crucial ability to be a positive factor in building rapport, confidence and a winning attitude among team members and coaches.

Timing of Selection

The National Selection Committee shall meet at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships and 2013 USBC Team USA Trials. Two male and two female selections will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. The remaining two male and two female selections will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials (taking into account match-play athletes from the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships and age-eligible USBC members from the 2013 USBC Team USA Trials).

Replacement of Junior Team USA Members

If, during the following calendar year, a bowler either resigns or is removed from Junior Team USA for any reason, a replacement Junior Team Member shall be named as follows: For a bowler who qualified for Junior Team USA at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, the next highest eligible (at the time of replacement) finisher at the national finals from the final qualifying round, who is not already on Junior Team USA, shall be named as a replacement. For a bowler who was selected to Junior Team USA by the National Selection Committee, the NSC shall confer at the time of replacement and name a new at-large member from the pool of athletes who were eligible for such selection at the championships. (Only U.S. citizens will be eligible as a replacement.) If there is no official team or individual event (unofficial events, i.e. but not limited to the USBC Junior Gold Championships or USBC Team USA Trials) scheduled for the remainder of the year, no replacement shall be named.

Junior Team USA 2012 members may obtain/move up to USBC Adult membership during their term on Junior Team USA and still maintain their spot on Junior Team USA 2012. However, they would be ineligible to bowl in the 2013 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships.

Note:

Junior Team USA coaches will select the Junior Team USA members who will participate in each event in which Junior Team USA 2013 will compete. The final standings at the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, or how an athlete became a Junior Team USA member, will have no bearing on the makeup of the team at each competition. All 2013 Junior Team USA members will be placed into a pool and coaches will select the athletes who most likely will create the strongest team to represent the United States for that event.

If any changes to these rules are made, all national finalists will be notified prior to competition at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. In addition, the changes will be posted on the USBC website, BOWL.com.



FAQs

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Where can I obtain North Pointe Junior Gold Championships information?

All forms and this handbook are available on BOWL.com. Simply click on the Tournaments tab and then on the Junior Gold link and proceed to the Qualifier section where you will see the Junior Gold League Handbook tab. Here you will find the necessary forms to run your league. As always, the Junior Gold staff is available to assist and answer any questions. We can be reached at USBCJuniorGold@bowl.com or by calling (800) 514-BOWL, ext. 3171.

What are the new age divisions for the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships?

- U15 Boys
- U15 Girls
- U20 Boys
- U20 Girls

Any bowler whose birthdate is 08/01/1996 or later will participate in the U15 division. All others will participate in the U20 division.

NOTE: Bowlers in the U15 division may exercise the option to participate in the U20 division by completing the NPJG Championships Opt Out form.

What are the minimum average requirements for the divisions?

There are no longer any minimum average requirements for participation. Any and all current USBC Youth Standard members are eligible to become a USBC Junior Gold Member and bowl in a North Pointe Junior Gold Qualifying event.

How do these changes affect players who have already qualified for the 2012 Championships?

Any U15 division eligible bowler who has already qualified for the 2012 North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will be automatically entered into the U15 division. They can compete in the U20 division by filling at the necessary documents that can be downloaded at BOWL.com/JuniorGold.

How do these changes affect the current qualifying structure of the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships?

They don't have to change at all. You can run qualifiers in exactly the same way and qualify the athletes into the designated age division. However, we do recommend that qualifying take place by division when possible and have changed the minimum qualifying ratio from 1:5 to 1:4 to accommodate. We have also eliminated the minimum average structure to make it easier to attract more athletes to participate in the qualifiers.

Can a U15 qualifier "play up" and participate in the U20 division instead of the U15 division at the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships?

Yes, they can by filling out the proper documentation referenced above.

How does the new advancer policy work for events using the "major fraction thereof" rule?

Once an event has met their minimum ratio and has entries in excess of that ratio, but short of the "major fraction thereof," they have the opportunity to advance one

additional entrant to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. The next advancer only, will be allowed to claim a spot by funding the balance of the monies needed to pay for that spot. A detailed explanation of the policy can be found on the Junior Gold page of bowl.com.

How does the new advancer policy work for events NOT using the "major fraction thereof" rule?

Once an event has met their minimum ratio and has entries in excess of that ratio, they have the opportunity to advance one additional entrant to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships. The next advancer only, will be allowed to claim a spot by funding the balance of the monies needed to pay for that spot. A detailed explanation of the policy can be found on the Junior Gold page of bowl.com.

I see the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships spot counter on bowl.com. How can I reserve a spot before the field is sold out?

All spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Event coordinators can fax in their applications, rules and credit card information to (817) 385-8262 to expedite the process. Phone calls and emails with event details and credit card information are also accepted. The counter is updated periodically – not instantaneously – as spots are reserved. As the number of reserved spots nears maximum capacity, don't procrastinate. Coordinators can purchase 2012 spots at any time in advance for events held before May 30, 2012.

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FAQs

GENERAL QUESTIONS (Continued)

I have excess funds from the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualifier. What should I do with those excess funds?

All excess funds must go back to the athletes who entered the Junior Gold qualifying event. However, if you hold a series of North Pointe Junior Gold Championships events through the season you can keep those funds in a “Junior Gold” account to be used if there are any shortages in future events. If the event was not part of a series, you must return those funds through expenses for the champion (from receipts the champion provides) or it can be returned to the Junior Gold bowlers as a scholarship.

How can I award North Pointe Junior Gold spots? What are my options?

Tournament directors have many options when awarding spots. They can award based on a ratio (1:4, 1:5, 1:6, 1:7, 1:8, 1:9, or 1:10) or they can advance their tournament champion provided they have a sufficient number of entries. You can award your spots after the bowler’s three (3) games of qualifying or you can advance bowlers at the end of your tournament.

League directors may award their spot at the end of the season or at the half of their season (provided their half has a minimum of 24 games). League directors can award the champion or a minimum ratio of 1:4 if divisions are used.

Please be very specific in the event rules on how the advancers to the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships will be awarded. Include the words “with major fraction thereof” after the ratio if you

intend on awarding two Junior Gold spots with a 1:4 ratio and seven bowlers. If you simply state 1:4, you are not allowed to send the additional bowler until you have an increment of four.

When can I hold North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualifying events?

Events can be held any time from May 1, 2011 through May 30, 2012. In the case of a sold-out national event, USBC will consider permitting qualifying events earlier. This is on a per-year basis. All qualifying will end on May 30 of the tournament year unless the tournament is sold out prior to this date.

How long do I have to submit my post-event reports?

Junior Gold Finalist and Post-Event Tournament/League Reports are to be submitted to Junior Gold within fifteen (15) days after the end of the event. Holding onto this information longer than this affects the accuracy of our records and can cause eligibility issues for players who may have paid their Junior Gold membership dues at your event.

What benefits are included with the USBC Junior Gold membership?

- USBC Junior Gold membership card
- Member Gift
- Gold Approach E-blasts
- One-year subscription to the online version of *Bowling This Month Magazine*.
- Reduced prices for coaching at ITRC

In the North Pointe Junior Gold Championships, can an individual opt to cross over to the other gender division?

No. Girls may only compete in the girls divisions and boys can only compete in the boys divisions.

How does a player from the U15 division notify USBC of their intention to compete in the U20 division?

The event coordinator should ask each of the U15 qualifiers of their intent and list that information accordingly on the Finalist report. The player can also indicate his/her division choice on the Junior Gold membership application.

Can we hold a North Pointe Junior Gold Championships qualifying event during our association championship event?

You can easily incorporate a Junior Gold qualifying event into your local or state association championship events. Since you only need three (3) games for a qualifying event, you can use the scores from any designated event or events from your championship tournament as a Junior Gold qualifier.

LEAGUE QUESTIONS

Are there modifications to the league qualifiers for 2012?

Yes, the minimum number of games has been reduced from 36 to 24 games and there is now no minimum average to participate.

The rules say I can advance my league champion(s). Who are considered champions?

Junior Gold gives each league director the flexibility to deem the champion. Champion is considered ONE of the following: total point leader, team champion(s) (one for singles; two for doubles; three for trios), high average, high series, high game, etc. Please remember you need the minimum of four males, four females, or a mixed gender group of four to conduct a qualifier for that division. If you

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FAQs

LEAGUE QUESTIONS (Continued)

are sending the high average boy and girl, there must be at least four male Junior Gold members and four female Junior Gold members to send one in each division.

I run a league. When do I determine how many bowlers will advance?

Advancers are determined by your advancement ratio and how many Junior Gold members are in the league. If your league will award points for having a high game or high series, make sure all athletes are able to earn those points throughout the season to ensure you are advancing the best bowlers you can. Keep in mind you may only award spots based on a 1:4 or higher ratio (major fraction thereof) or your champion(s). Remember that at least half of your league must be Junior Gold members, but your ratio is only taken on those members who are actually participating in the Junior Gold qualifying event. If you charge your athletes a participation fee for Junior Gold, only those athletes would count towards your ratio. If all bowlers are eligible for Junior Gold, then your ratio would be from all those eligible Junior Gold members.

I would like to hold a special tournament for my league bowlers and make it a North Pointe Junior Gold Championships event. Is this possible?

Yes. Junior Gold tournament rules still apply. The tournament must

be a minimum of three games and must have a minimum of four Junior Gold boys/four Junior Gold girls or a minimum of four Junior Gold bowlers for a mixed division. You would then be able to advance bowlers through a ratio between 1:4 and 1:10. This tournament must be scheduled by the league where the scores do not count towards regular league standings (USBC Rule 113C). You must also submit a QUALIFYING EVENT APPLICATION.

I ran a league and advanced my champion team. However, one of the bowlers on the team has already won their North Pointe Junior Gold Championships spot. What do I do now?

Since a bowler must accept their first entry unless an alternate entry is a premier entry, you must state in your rules how an alternate will be advanced. For example, you can state that the bowler from the second-place team with the highest average would then be the next person to advance. In the event a top qualifying bowler has already qualified and this entry is at the premier level the top qualifying bowler will be rewarded the additional perks and the qualifying spot would go to the first alternate.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships awards more than \$250,000 in scholarships to tournament participants





USBC JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2011-2012 SEASON

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY SO PROCESSING IS NOT DELAYED.

PLEASE PRINT

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ USBC ID# _____ - _____

GENDER: MALE FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ / _____ / _____ YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION _____

**JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$30, WHETHER NEW OR RENEWAL.
PAYMENT MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS.**

PAYMENT METHOD (All payments must be made in U.S. funds)

Visa/MC Money Order – Payable to USBC Personal Check – Payable to USBC

Parent's or Guardian's Name as it appears on credit card _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____ / _____ CCV _____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

SEND THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

**NOTICE: APPLICANT MUST BE A USBC YOUTH STANDARD MEMBER IN
GOOD STANDING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR USBC JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERSHIP.**

**United States Bowling Congress
Attn: USBC Junior Gold Membership
621 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011**

Fax: (817) 385-8262



QUALIFYING EVENT APPLICATION

2011-2012 SEASON

SELECT APPLICATION TYPE: LEAGUE APPLICATION TOURNAMENT APPLICATION**PLEASE PRINT**

LEAGUE/TOURNAMENT NAME _____ USBC CERTIFICATION # _____

BOWLING CENTER _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____ PREMIERE EVENT YES NO

BEGINS ____ / ____ / 20____ ENDS ____ / ____ / 20____

ARE YOU HOSTING MULTIPLE QUALIFYING EVENTS? YES NO (ATTACH A LIST WITH THIS APPLICATION)

HOW MANY NATIONAL SPOTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESERVE? _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (\$200 PER SPOT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH FORM)

PAYMENT METHOD (ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN U.S. FUNDS) VISA MASTERCARD

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE ____ / ____ CCV _____

ADVANCEMENT RATIO 1:4 CHAMPION OTHER _____MAJOR FRACTION YES NO**TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE COORDINATOR**

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE (____) _____ EVENING PHONE (____) _____

FAX NUMBER (____) _____ MOBILE PHONE (____) _____

EMAIL _____

Which primary contact information would you like posted on bowl.com for your event?

SIGNATURE* _____

*Signature authorizes USBC to fax or e-mail pertinent league/tournament information, as well as verifies all provided information is accurate

TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE COORDINATOR

1. Complete all information on this form. One application per event.
2. **To guarantee the reservation of your spot(s), please submit this form along with a copy of your rules and payment of \$200 for each spot reserved prior to this event via mail, email or fax.**
3. Make sure the tournament is certified separately. Please complete the Tournament certification process online before the start of your event.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO

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QUALIFYING POST-EVENT REPORT

2011-2012 SEASON

PLEASE PRINT

EVENT NAME _____ USBC CERTIFICATION # _____

BEGINS ____ / ____ / 20____ ENDS ____ / ____ / 20____ EVENT # _____

BOWLING CENTER _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE/ZONE/COUNTRY _____

TYPE OF EVENT TOURNAMENT LEAGUE PREMIERE EVENT YES NO

TOTAL # OF PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENT MALE _____ FEMALE _____

HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS ARE JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERS? MALE _____ FEMALE _____

WHAT ADVANCEMENT RATIO/PROCEDURE DID YOUR EVENT USE FOR THE NORTH POINTE JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS?

1:4 CHAMPION OTHER _____

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FEES SUBMITTED TO USBC

Reserved spots already submitted _____ x \$200 = _____

of additional qualifiers _____ x \$200 = _____

of new Junior Gold Memberships sold _____ x \$30 = _____

Total amount submitted to USBC = _____

PAYMENT METHOD (ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN U.S. FUNDS) VISA MASTERCARD

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE ____ / ____ CCV _____

THIS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE (____) _____ EVENING PHONE (____) _____

FAX NUMBER (____) _____ MOBILE PHONE (____) _____

EMAIL _____

SIGNATURE* _____

*Signature authorizes USBC to fax or e-mail pertinent league/tournament information, as well as verifies all provided information is accurate

EACH REPORT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY

1. Final standings sheet (U15 and U20 Finalist Reports)
2. All new and renewed USBC Junior Gold membership applications
3. List of names and addresses of advancing participants and alternates
4. All monies as identified in the Financial Summary

Return this report within **15 DAYS** of the conclusion of your event:

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